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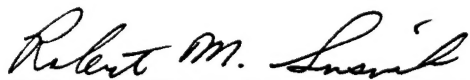
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**MILESTONE 37: CHOOSE APPROPRIATE GENERIC CHEMICAL STRUCTURES FOR POLYMER SYNTHESIS FOR NLO ACTIVITY.**

Although considerable progress has been made in understanding molecular structure/NLO activity relationships, some important data remains to be obtained in order to make a more judicious selection of generic chemical structures for polymer synthesis. While benobisthiazole structures containing thiophene groups show considerable promise, the relationship of NLO activity to polymer molecular weight still needs to be determined and will be addressed in new milestone 41. The present milestone will accordingly be moved to October 1989 to follow completion of milestone 41.

**MILESTONE 39: SYNTHESIS OF IMPROVED NLO ORDERED POLYMERS**

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